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# TRAINING COURSES

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# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT STAFF

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# Professional Development Staff Training Courses

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## **NOMINATION/APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

Each field nominee must submit the enclosed nomination request through the Area Office to the Regional Office. Each headquarters nominee must submit the enclosed nomination request through the Director's Office, Animal Health Programs (AHP). The Regional Office and/or the AHP Director's Office will then submit the prioritized nominations to the nomination address listed in the course description. Priority 1: Those individual(s) who are in absolute need of the training. More than one person may be placed in priority one status.

The Professional Development Staff (PDS) cannot accept nominations unless they come through either the Regional Office or the AHP Director's Office. If you have not nominated a participant or have vacant positions that are to be filled, and want to reserve a space, you may write "to be determined" or "TBD" on the nomination form when it is submitted. Director approval will indicate support for named nominations, as well as commitment to fill or cancel reserved spaces as soon as possible.

All training related correspondence (select, non-select, cancellations, etc.) will be sent directly to the participants by e-mail with copies to the VSMT, Training Coordinators, and supervisors. In general, hard copies will no longer be issued. Requests for exceptions may be made to the PDS Training Coordinators (see page 1).

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

Each course description gives the course title, dates, location, purpose, target audience, prerequisites, cost, contact, and nomination deadlines.

The course dates do not include travel dates. Travel dates are normally the day before the start of the course and the afternoon and evening of, or the day after, the end of the course.

## **CANCELLATION AND SUBSTITUTION POLICY**

Based on each particular course, it is important that PDS be notified as soon as possible in the case of a substitution and/or withdrawal of a course participant(s). We will accept substitutions and cancellations up to 1 week before the start of the course. Any changes in status of nominees or course logistics will be communicated immediately through the Training Coordinators.

<b>Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) Diagnostician School February 4 - 15, 2002</b>	
<b>Location</b>	FADDL, Plum Island, New York
<b>Course Purpose</b>	An intensive 2 week course to develop foreign animal disease diagnosticians, the individuals who will be called upon to investigate a potential foreign or emerging animal disease. Global impact and trade considerations covered.
<b>Target Audience</b>	APHIS field VMOs, state, and military veterinarians
<b>Prerequisites</b>	N/A
<b>Cost</b>	Travel costs only.
<b>Contact Number</b>	VS/PDS, (970) 490-8173
<b>Nominations</b>	All nominations must be sent from the Area Offices to the Regional Offices. The Regional Office will fax the approved prioritized nominations to: VS/PDS at (301) 734-4964. Selections will be made by VS/Emergency Programs Staff and the Emergency Management Leadership Team. State Veterinary nominees should be submitted to the Regional Offices by the AVIC, as well.
<b>Nomination Deadlines</b>	
To the Regional Office:	October 24, 2001
To VS/PDS:	October 31, 2001

<b>Laboratory Biosafety Inspection</b> <b>March 26 - 28, 2002</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Atlanta, Georgia
<b>Course Purpose</b>	Provides information on biosafety principles and proper facility inspection procedures. Also provides opportunities for participants to practice inspection procedures. Will equip participants with the information and skills needed to effectively and consistently perform laboratory inspections for biosafety level 2 and 3 certification.
<b>Target Audience</b>	Veterinary Medical Officers and others who are or will be tasked with this inspection responsibility.
<b>Prerequisites</b>	N/A
<b>Cost</b>	Travel costs only.
<b>Contact Number</b>	VS/PDS, (301) 734-7855
<b>Nominations</b>	All nominations must be sent from the Area Offices to the Regional Offices. The Regional Office will fax the approved prioritized nominations to: VS/PDS at (301) 734-4964. Selections will be made by VS/NCIE.
<b>Nomination Deadlines</b>	
To the Regional Office:	December 19, 2001
To VS/PDS:	December 26, 2001

<b>Designated Scrapie Epidemiology April 9 - 11, 2002</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Ames, Iowa
<b>Course Purpose</b>	Provides Designated Scrapie Epidemiologists with the updated information, skills, and epidemiological tools needed to fulfill their responsibilities for the Scrapie Regulatory Program, the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program, and current Scrapie projects such as Scrapie Slaughter Surveillance Project and the Third Eyelid Validation Study. Includes current information on the pathogenesis, epidemiology, and diagnosis of Scrapie and new or proposed changes to the Scrapie Regulatory or Voluntary Programs. Also includes limited discussion of other TSEs (BSE, CWD).
<b>Target Audience</b>	Federal and State Veterinary Medical Officers who are or will be serving as Designated Scrapie Epidemiologists.
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Familiarity with Scrapie Regulations, including new requirements for sheep and goat identification, and familiarity with the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program.
<b>Cost</b>	Travel costs only.
<b>Contact Number</b>	VS/NAHPS, (301) 734-4913
<b>Nominations</b>	All nominations must be sent from the Area Offices to the Regional Offices. The Regional Office will fax the approved prioritized nominations to: VS/PDS at (301) 734-4964. Selections will be made by VS/NAHPS.
<b>Nomination Deadlines</b>	
To the Regional Office:	January 3, 2002
To VS/PDS:	January 10, 2002

<b>Basic Tuberculosis (TB) Epidemiology</b> <b>April 29 - May 3, 2002</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Ames, Iowa
<b>Course Purpose</b>	Provides Veterinary Medical Officers with the information and skills needed to fulfill their responsibilities for the TB Eradication Program. Includes information on TB pathology, immunology, testing, epidemiology, and surveillance. Addresses current Program status and strategic goals, as well as issues such as TB in wildlife. Provides skills training in TB testing (comparative cervical tuberculin), interpretation of herd testing results, epidemiological investigations, and slaughter surveillance.
<b>Target Audience</b>	Federal and State Veterinary Medical Officers who are or will be actively involved in the Bovine TB Eradication Program. Secondly open to FSIS Veterinary Medical Officers and international veterinarians involved in TB eradication efforts.
<b>Prerequisites</b>	N/A
<b>Cost</b>	Travel costs only.
<b>Contact Number</b>	VS/PDS, (301) 734-7855
<b>Nominations</b>	All nominations must be sent from the Area Offices to the Regional Offices. The Regional Office will fax the approved prioritized nominations to: VS/PDS at (301) 734-4964. Selections will be made by VS/NAHP.
<b>Nomination Deadlines</b>	
To the Regional Office:	January 23, 2002
To VS/PDS:	January 30, 2002

<b>Johne's Disease Epidemiology (Western Region)</b> <b>May 7 - 9, 2002</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Fort Collins, Colorado
<b>Course Purpose</b>	Will equip Veterinary Medical Officers with the information and tools needed to collaborate with industry to custom design Johne's control programs. The emphasis will be on the practical application of risk assessments in developing a Johne's Disease herd management plan. Participants will have the opportunity to practice skills in real or simulated (video) farm visits. Topics of discussions will include Johne's Disease pathogenesis and epidemiology; available diagnostic tests/procedures and interpretation of results; regulatory issues; voluntary programs; and public health concerns. The Western Regional course will focus on the types of operations and problems common in the West.
<b>Target Audience</b>	Federal and State Veterinary Medical Officers who are or who will be involved in Johne's Disease program activities.
<b>Prerequisites</b>	N/A
<b>Cost</b>	Travel costs only.
<b>Contact Number</b>	VS/NAHPS, (301)734-4914 VS/PDS, (301) 734-0023
<b>Nominations</b>	All nominations must be sent from the Area Offices to the Regional Offices. The Regional Office will fax the approved prioritized nominations to: VS/PDS at (301) 734-4964. Selections will be made by VS/NAHPS.
<b>Nomination Deadlines</b>	
To the Regional Office:	January 31, 2002
To VS/PDS:	February 7, 2002



<b>Foreign and Emerging Animal Diseases in Wildlife Seminar May 14 - 16, 2002</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Athens, Georgia
<b>Course Purpose</b>	To familiarize participants with the significant implications of foreign and emerging animal diseases in wildlife.
<b>Target Audience</b>	Foreign Animal Disease Diagnosticians and Wildlife Biologists
<b>Prerequisites</b>	N/A
<b>Cost</b>	Participants pay travel, hotel, and registration fee
<b>Contact Number</b>	VS/PDS, (970) 490-8173
<b>Nominations</b>	All nominations must be sent from the Area Offices to the Regional Offices. The Regional Office will fax the approved prioritized nominations to: VS/PDS at (301) 734-4964. Selections will be made by VS/Emergency Programs Staff and the Emergency Management Leadership Team. State Veterinary nominees should be submitted to the Regional Offices by the AVICs also.
<b>Nomination Deadlines</b>	
To the Regional Office	February 5, 2002
To VS/PDS	February 28, 2002

<b>Export Certification Workshop</b> <b>June 18 - 20, 2002</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Riverdale, Maryland
<b>Course Purpose</b>	Addresses various aspects of export certification of animals, germplasm, and animal products; including policies, completion of certifications, user fees, and inspections of facilities. Special emphasis will be given to export requirements for animal products.
<b>Target Audience</b>	Area Veterinarians in Charge or their designated Veterinary Medical Officers handling exports and Exports Document Examiners who: Have not had the course within the past 5 years; or Handle large volumes of exports in their State.
<b>Prerequisites</b>	N/A
<b>Cost</b>	Travel costs only.
<b>Contact Number</b>	VS/NCIE (301) 734-3277 VS/PDS (301) 734-0023
<b>Nominations</b>	All nominations must be sent from the Area Offices to the Regional Offices. The Regional Office will fax the approved prioritized nominations to: VS/PDS at (301) 734-4964. Selections will be made by VS/NCIE.
<b>Nomination Deadlines</b>	
To the Regional Office:	February 11, 2002
To VS/PDS:	February 18, 2002

<b>Animal Identification Coordinators' Workshop (Eastern Region) TBD</b>	
<b>Location</b>	TBD
<b>Course Purpose</b>	Will introduce new animal identification concepts and provide current information and resources relevant to animal identification initiatives needed to support VS programs. Will address significant new issues, trends, and developments impacting VS programs and the strategies needed to achieve program goals. A major objective is to work toward uniformity of identification and investigation standards.
<b>Target Audience</b>	Animal Identification Coordinators (AICs) - One representative from each State - possibly more from larger States.
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Designation as AIC, Targeted for this position, or fulfilling animal identification responsibilities.
<b>Cost</b>	Travel costs only
<b>Contact Number</b>	VS/NAHPS, (309) 344-1942 VS/PDS, (301) 734-0023
<b>Nominations</b>	All nominations must be sent from the Area Offices to the Regional Offices. The Regional Office will fax the approved prioritized nominations to: VS/PDS at (301) 734-4964. Selections will be made by VS/NAPHs.
<b>Nomination Deadlines</b>	
To the Regional Office:	
To VS/PDS:	

<b>Animal Identification Coordinators' Workshop (Western Region)</b>		<b>TBD</b>
<b>Location</b>	TBD	
<b>Course Purpose</b>	Will introduce new animal identification concepts and provide current information and resources relevant to animal identification initiatives needed to support VS programs. Will address significant new issues, trends, and developments impacting VS programs and the strategies needed to achieve program goals. A major objective is to work toward uniformity of identification and investigation standards.	
<b>Target Audience</b>	Animal Identification Coordinators (AICs) - One representative from each State - possibly more from larger States.	
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Designation as AIC, Targeted for this position, or fulfilling animal identification responsibilities.	
<b>Cost</b>	Travel costs only	
<b>Contact Number</b>	VS/NAHPS, (309) 344-1942 VS/PDS, (301) 734-0023	
<b>Nominations</b>	All nominations must be sent from the Area Offices to the Regional Offices. The Regional Office will fax the approved prioritized nominations to: VS/PDS at (301) 734-4964. Selections will be made by VS/NAPHS.	
<b>Nomination Deadlines</b>		
To the Regional Office:		
To VS/PDS:		

<b>Johne's Disease Epidemiology (Eastern Region)</b> <b>March 19 - 21, 2002</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
<b>Course Purpose</b>	Will equip Veterinary Medical Officers with the information and tools needed to collaborate with industry to custom design Johne's control programs. The emphasis will be on the practical application of risk assessments in developing a Johne's Disease herd management plan. Participants will have the opportunity to practice skills in real or simulated (video) farm visits. Topics of discussions will include Johne's Disease pathogenesis and epidemiology; available diagnostic tests/procedures and interpretation of results; regulatory issues; voluntary programs; and public health concerns. The Eastern Regional course will focus on the types of operations and problems common in the East.
<b>Target Audience</b>	Federal and State Veterinary Medical Officers who are or who will be involved in Johne's Disease program activities.
<b>Prerequisites</b>	N/A
<b>Cost</b>	Travel costs only
<b>Contact Number</b>	VS/NAHPS, (301) 734-4914 VS/PDS, (301) 734-7855 VS/PDS, (301) 734-0023
<b>Nominations</b>	All nominations must be sent from the Area Offices to the Regional Offices. The Regional Office will fax the approved prioritized nominations to: VS/PDS at (301) 734-4964. Selections will be made by VS/NAHPS.
<b>Nomination Deadline:</b>	
To the Regional Office:	
To VS/PDS:	

<b>Emergency Preparedness Satellite Seminar: Homeland Security</b> <b>April 18, 2002</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Downlinked locally
<b>Course Purpose</b>	The broadcast will provide an update of significant Foreign Animal Disease outbreaks in the world as well as a look at Emergency Management Procedures. The Seminar will be produced with our partners in the Department of Defense and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
<b>Target Audience</b>	Primarily Foreign Animal Disease Diagnosticians in State and Federal government, Diagnostic Laboratories and the Military. Emergency First Responders at the State and local levels would also benefit from the Seminar. Anyone with an interest in the subject matter is welcome to attend.
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Supervisor's approval and a downlink site.
<b>Cost</b>	Travel costs only.
<b>Contact Number</b>	VS/PDS, (970) 490-8173
<b>Nominations</b>	A separate announcement will be issued indicating nomination procedures and deadline.

<b>Emergency Preparedness Satellite Seminar: September 5, 2002</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Downlinked locally
<b>Course Purpose</b>	The broadcast will provide an update of significant Foreign Animal Disease outbreaks in the world as well as a look at Emergency Management Procedures. The Seminar will be produced with our partners in the Department of Defense and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
<b>Target Audience</b>	Primarily Foreign Animal Disease Diagnosticians in State and Federal government, Diagnostic Laboratories and the Military. Emergency First Responders at the State and local levels would also benefit from the Seminar. Anyone with an interest in the subject matter is welcome to attend.
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Supervisor's approval and a downlink site.
<b>Cost</b>	Travel costs only.
<b>Contact Number</b>	VS/PDS, (970) 490-8173
<b>Nominations</b>	A separate announcement will be issued indicating nomination procedures and deadline.

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**NOMINATION REQUEST**

**COURSE TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF THE COURSE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

1. Participant name, social security number, mailing address, phone and fax number, and e-mail address (required):

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Dr./Mr./Ms.) Name  
Social Security Number  
\_\_\_\_\_  
mailing address (street, city, state, and zip code)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
phone number fax number  
e-mail address

2. Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Participants Official Duty Station: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Estimated costs (This information is needed for the preparation for the Quarterly Travel Plan):

No. of days for per diem: \_\_\_\_\_

POV (need # of miles round trip): \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous expenses (round trip estimates): \_\_\_\_\_  
{shuttle, parking, taxi, etc.}

Common carrier fare: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of purchase for common carrier (GTR, GVTS, CC, etc.) : \_\_\_\_\_

GOV (Check if this mode of transportation will be used): \_\_\_\_\_

Car Rental: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Mode of Transportation: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please check the following if it pertains to you. Are you a ☐ FADD, ☐ DBE, or ☐ DTBE



7. Supervisor signature for approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

8 Director approval: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE FAX TO THE REGIONAL OFFICE. THE REGIONAL OFFICE WILL FAX TO THE  
NOMINATIONS CONTACT PERSON NOTED AT THE END OF EACH COURSE DESCRIPTION.**

**To assure accurate completion of data for the APHIS Travel Plan, please indicate all aspects of your trip. For example, if you will be doing personal travel, as well as business, driving rather than flying, etc.**